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A MATTER OF JUSTICE.

The attitude of Congress toward the requested concessions to the sugar planters of Cuba is nothing short of disgraceful. We went to war with Spain upon the pretense of freeing Cuba from economic oppression. In doing this we deprived Cuba of the benefit of trading in the Spanish markets, and having done this we still refused to give the island any more than a qualified independence. That is to say by the Platt resolution we reserved the right to interfere in her affairs of government in certain contingencies extremely likely to happen, we retained the choice of some of her ports for coaling stations, and required her to submit to our perpetual supervision and guardianship. Cuba agreed to these humiliating terms only when they were forced upon her by a power which she was in no condition to dispute.

Having thus shut our formerly oppressed and injured neighbor out from the markets in which she used to trade, she comes to Congress staggering under a burden which means bankruptcy and ruin to her principal interests, unless our markets can be substituted for those she enjoyed when a Spanish dependency. A crop of sugar has been raised in the island, the cost of which, up to the time of its harvest, has strained the resources of the planters—whether of money or credit, to their utmost tension.

In this plight they come to us,—to the nation that boasts not only of its own freedom, but of having given them theirs,—to a government controlled by a party which ten years ago had a good deal to say about the beauties of a "free breakfast table," and so coming, they ask—what? Why the privilege of selling to our people some sugar which the latter need and must have, and which they must themselves sell or starve. They come too with the certainty of buying in turn from us things we desire to sell, such as plows and provisions and the like, if by marketing their crop to us they can get the money to purchase our wares. Here then we have a condition of things which a Boxer or a Bulgarian brigand, or some other benighted ones to whom we are sending funds, would think might be improved to the mutual advantage of all parties.

But no. The planters run up against a high tariff wall, built for the enriching of a few planters in this country and a bulky trust, at the expense of the consumers—the latter comprising every man, woman and child of our people.

But the Cubans do not ask that the wall should be levelled to the ground, although that would be the case if the "free breakfast-table" had been anything but a grinning hypocrisy. They only asked that a few of the top course be taken off,—that it be torn a half or quarter way down,—themselves offering to lower any walls of theirs which our industries may encounter in seeking to trade at their ports, to the same extent.

No proposition could seem to be more equitable than this; nor one of greater benefit to our people. And added to this is the urgent advice of the President, the Secretary of War, the General commanding our forces in Cuba, the commercial bodies of New York and our other great seaports, that this small measure of relief to the Cubans, of justice and advantage to our own country and its honor be granted. It is indeed a mean policy which keeps a weak and dependent people tied to us, and kept by us from getting food elsewhere, and at the same time kicks it down the steps when it comes to our door begging for crumbs.

And what makes it the more unjust to our neighbors and more degrading to us is the fact that one man is able to camp out for the winter in Washington, and by shaking the rod over the majority in Congress may drive the latter from its sworn and obvious

duty. This man, Mr. Oxnard, whose little finger is thicker than the loins of the law, makes no pretense that his opposition to the Cuban relief is based on other than selfish ends,—alike disgraceful to our pretensions of setting Cuba free and contrary to our own public interest. As a last resource he has raised the cry that the reduction of the sugar duties—however just to the Cubans and advantageous to the consumer here, is desired by the New York sugar trust. This is indeed a shameful argument to urge—for one trust to say that because another trust wants a thing done, therefore it must be an evil thing and ought not to be done. Of itself it throws a flood of light upon the entire trust question, and shows how far they believe themselves to be the unimpaired good they claim to be.

But the fact, if it is so, that Mr. Havemeyer's combine wants lower duties on sugar, is no reason why we should come short of being just to a people, for whom—upon every consideration of honorable public conduct and national good morals—we are bound to have the most scrupulous regard, or to deny to our own citizens some small right of buying and selling where they can do so with advantage to themselves and good faith to their customers and allies.

The disgrace of this situation is not relieved by the fact that the Louisiana Congressmen—although professing to be Democrats, join in the refusal of the other trust beneficiaries to accord to the Cubans the small measure of justice and humanity which they seek. These men are Democrats only in name. They have no conception of what Democracy really means, and their party suffers in repute by bearing on its rolls men who in public station permit the commercial interests of a few to override the welfare of the whole people.

A nation, no more than an individual, can in the long run afford to be unjust or tricky in its policy at home or in its dealings with others. The Yankee reputation for sharp practice is none too good now, and it will not be advanced by the way we are treating those whom we pretend to have set free, but whom we really are holding in the trammels of commercial bondage.

The new Governor of Iowa not only vigorously opposes trusts, but he is ready to follow the last suggestions made by Mr. McKinley in regard to tariff reform. "Protection," says Gov. Chapman, "was established for man, the man for protection. Reciprocity that takes without giving is an idle dream and a contradiction in terms, and if its scope embraces only non-competitive products it is of little future value in the economy of the nation." Representative Babcock should brace up.

Congressman Cochran declares that the war to subjugate the Filipinos has already cost more than enough to build the Nicaragua canal and to construct 300 warships to defend it. The British taxpayer might also draw some comparisons in relation to the South African war.

In declining to become a Chicago Alderman, Opie Read makes public announcement that he "would rather be a sophomore in the university of hell." The Chicago Aldermen doubtless feel like putting a boycott on Mr. Reed's books.

PERMANENT.

Census Bureau Will Give Jobs
To Many.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The House has passed the bill for the creation of a permanent census bureau. The friends of the civil service law, who were opposed to making the employees of the bureau eligible for transfer or retention were overwhelmingly defeated.

By the terms of the bill the permanent organization will succeed the present temporary organization July 1, 1902, and all employees on the rolls upon the date of the passage of the act will become eligible for transfer to other departments or retention in the permanent organization.

The bill also provides for a manufacturing census in 1905 and for the collection of certain special statistics annually.

Man is competent when his purse is so.—Copper.

Well Fed
Well BredYou can pick
a steady user of

Grape-Nuts

WISE and
Otherwise.

Last lap of the first month.

Time to think of the State oratorical
contest.The "Famous" John T. should prepare
an autobiography.How are the resolutions by this
time?The story would have been no less
interesting had Mr. Crouse found the
box of gold.John T. Norris doubtless regards the
road to fame as one not absolutely
free from unpleasant places."Wah Mista Johnsing killed when he
fell off dat derik?"
"Naw, he light on he's head."The bricklayers can always be counted
on to do their share in building
up a city.If fortune tellers really could locate
hidden treasures, many a cellar would
be excavated free of charge.The Pittsburg lady—wife of the
warden of the jail, who let the two
murderers out, is probably sorry
enough by this time.The story of the escape of the two
murderers in Pittsburg would be
declared absurd and overdrawn if por-
trayed in fiction.No especial committees for several
weeks. There must be a hitch some-
where, or else all the grievances have
been taken care of.Summit county people may not be
able to substantiate their claim to be-
ing the salt of the earth, but they fur-
nish a lot of it, just the same.Perhaps, John T. would rather em-
ploy his well known photograph meth-
od than go in person, when it
comes to answering the allegations of
the Springfield pool room gentlemen.Recruits for Officer S. M. Taylor's
corps may be a desirable but minus
quantity, unless Police court business
becomes much better than it has been
for the last few mornings."Talk about your old-fashioned win-
ters," said the Man With the Blue
Nose, "this is wintry enough to make
the oldest resident hustle to remem-
ber one more thoroughly old-fashion-
ed."It might be well to announce that
several thousand silver dollars had
been lost on the streets. Then the
debris which has been collecting for
some time would be dug off in short
order,—and at no expense to the city,
either.Business will soon be in an unac-
customed uproar. What with the
barometer exercise of the woodchuck
next Sunday, Valentine day, Feb. 14,
and Washington's birthday, eight days
later, there will certainly be some-
thing doing next month.Guests at the Empire House were
reminded in a unique way Wednesday
that the day was McKinley's birthday.
The menu card for dinner contained
an excellent likeness of the late Pres-
ident, and Manager Brenner received
many compliments for his thoughtfulness."Once I get to sleep at night, I never
wake 'till morning," said Chief Dur-
kin, recently. Inasmuch as the quati-
on, "Uneasy lies the head that
wears a crown," is intended as a
comment on the wear and tear of
greatness, Chief Durkin must be the
exception which goes to prove the rule.Mahoning county is said to be si-
lently working for a place in the "Old
Nineteenth" district again. Youngs-
town has been a bit lonesome ever
since it became associated with Co-
lumbiana and Mollie Stark. Colum-
biana always has a candidate of its
own and Mollie never was given to
flirting with anything that was a la
Youngstown.—Warren Tribune.Alexander Martin is the possessor of
a bovine freak. A Jersey calf when
two days old tipped the scales at 22
pounds. Calves at this age usually
weigh anywhere from 75 to 140
pounds. The animal's body is about
the size of a small dog.—Ravenna Re-
publican.It does not require an epidemic of
smallpox to keep New Castle people
away from Youngstown.—New Castle
News.No epidemic here. You are simply
a simple bar.—Youngstown Vindicator.
If the New Castle man takes that he
will be barred from the Paragraphers'
picnic.

Mr. Aleck Siderman, of the Fer-

stein tobacco store, is having hard
work to explain to friends the sudden
rush of business which he might have
done, but did not do Wednesday even-
ing. Mr. Siderman is something of a
joker himself, and a friend decided to
play even with him. He watched his
opportunity and placed in the window
of the store an advertising card an-
nouncing a great reduction in the price
of certain high grade tobaccos on
which there is practically no profit.
Having passed the word about to his
friends, developments began at once.
First one then another, telephoned,
asking about the cut in tobacco prices
and wanting to buy great quantities at
the alleged low figures. Just about the
time that Mr. Siderman was beginning
to think that either he or a great many
of his friends had gone crazy, he dis-
covered the innocent cause of his trouble
in the window.

LOVE PASSES BY.

Love passes by in airy flight,
Ere yet we deemed him night;
In all the longing heart's despite
Love passes by.

We hear, perchance, a tender sigh,
A shadow veils the sight;
The white-winged doves drift past on
high.

So life doth miss life's best delight
When swift as songbirds fly,
Nor bending from his heavenly height,
Love passes by.
ADAM L. SAALFIELD.

NO QUARREL

Between Operator Russell and
Officer Duffy.

Stories which have been circulated
to the effect that a quarrel between
Officer John Duffy and Operator Ed-
ward J. Russell is one of the matters
to be investigated by the City Com-
missioners when they take up the
hearing of charges against Operator
Russell, Saturday, have been exagger-
ated. Friends of both men say there
have been playful exchanges of words
between them at different times, but
at no time any quarrel.

Operator Russell's hearing has been
postponed until Saturday afternoon.
A little learning is a dangerous
thing.—Pope.

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